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Lest we forget

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 636, Minden, held a Remembrance Day service on Nov. 6 at the county cairn in Minden. See more photos on page 8.

Sian Cox
Special to the Times

AH preps for arrival of MNR base

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

It is nearly a certainty that the Ministry of Natural Resources will be moving its local fire base from Haliburton to the Stanhope airport.

Councillors for Algonquin Highlands township held a lengthy, four-hour closed meeting Nov. 7 and coming out passed a number of resolutions that will help facilitate the construction

of a new MNR base on the airport property.

"They've advanced enough they've had architects do a footprint on the land," Reeve Carol Moffatt told the paper. "They've made a lot of significant decisions that indicate that the MNR is coming to Stanhope airport."

The base, which would be located behind the airport's existing hangars, would be a one-storey building with an apron accommodating a minimum of two choppers and two twin Otter aircraft.

There would be parking for staff - 54 seasonal

and six to eight year-round employees - as well as a fleet of MNR vehicles.

Monday's meeting between councillors and engineer Mike Osborne, who drew up the township's 2007 vision document for the airport property, was held to go over the technical requirements the MNR needs to meet before it can proceed with construction.

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Council plans to use Building Canada Fund money for project

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The ministry must conduct hydro-geological and geo-technical studies on the site to ensure the property's composition suits its needs. The ministry would be drilling a well for the base.

Council passed a resolution to clear eight acres of bush at the site as well as to authorize Osborne to conduct a topographical survey.

The cost of the bush-clearing and survey is not to exceed \$30,000.

"We also had the overall philosophical discussion, does this council have an interest in looking at other kinds of business development on those lands?" Moffatt said.

The township has been approved by HCDC for \$15,000 for a development plan for the site and Moffatt said the township would be pursuing a plan in the new year once the township strikes up an economic development committee and once a new Ward 3 councillor has been sworn in.

The township would be responsible for some infrastructure pertaining to the base, including the construction of aprons and taxiways.

"Some people might say, 'if the MNR wants to come to the airport, they should pay for it themselves,' Moffatt said. "Well, when you build a housing development, you don't say to people, 'see that piece of bush? Build your house there.'"

Osborne has been also been authorized to investigate how much it will cost the township for site prep work for the base and Moffatt expected council would know that figure in about four weeks' time.

Where will that money come from?

Council is trying to convince the federal and provincial governments to let the township use the Building Canada Fund money that was earmarked for a second runway at the airport under the previous council for the project.

Councillors approved formal written requests for such to both levels of government at Monday's meeting and Moffatt said after a conversation she'd had with Ontario infrastructure minister Bob Chiarelli, she feels optimistic the scope change for the project will get approved.

The township was approved for two thirds of up to \$3.4 million by the province and feds, with the township being responsible for the other third.

Moffatt said the scope change would be required for the project to proceed.

The MNR project would mean nails would formally be

driven into the proverbial coffin of the widely-unpopular runway project.

"Once we are secure in a contract with the MNR, the discussion about rescinding the resolution to build a runway will be tabled," Moffatt said.

Moffatt was the sole member of the previous council who opposed the runway project and the rest of the current council decried the project during last year's election campaign.

The reeve said the lease money from the MNR would be used against the township's costs.

As far as the company the township would use for the site prep work it must do, Moffatt said "we're trying to work within the confines of decisions already made," referring to the fact the previous council signed a contract with company Todd Brothers.

That contract was for \$459,000 for the paving of the runway, \$290,000 of which would have been covered by the Building Canada Fund money.

If all goes according to plan, the MNR would be doing its site preparation in the fall of next year.

"I know there's been some angst that council's been sitting for 10 months and there are people who think we haven't done anything," Moffatt said. "Trust me, this has all been just ticking away in the background."



Babies get all dolled up for Halloween

Some of the babies at Ontario Early Years Centre in Minden got into the Halloween spirit last week. From left, Kinsey Bull, Lucas Burke, Charlyze Tomlinson, Bryce Harrison, Kendall Park, Adiya Mills, Ellyse Kernohan and Ava Scheffee. /Photo by Jenn Mills.

November 10, 2011

A time to remember
This year's Remembrance Day ceremony will take place in front of the Cenotaph on Highland Street at 11 a.m. There will be a dinner at the Haliburton Legion at 6 p.m. featuring a guest speaker from Afghanistan. Tickets are \$11 and can be reserved by calling 705-457-2571.

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Minden Hills says goodbye to Ross Rigney

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The death of Ross Rigney has left a glaring vacancy in Minden Hills, where he is being remembered as a kind and clever man who helped shape the municipality.

Rigney, who was the first reeve of the amalgamated Minden Hills township, lost his battle with cancer in the early morning hours of Nov. 1.

Born in London, Ont. on Dec. 17, 1934, Rigney never knew his parents and was raised in an orphanage.

He met his future wife, Lois Riddell, in 1958 when they were both members of the First United Church in Waterloo, where Rigney was president of the church's young people's union.

"Well, he was very short," Lois says, recalling her first impressions of the man who would become her husband the next year. "And he played badminton. He was very good. He didn't like to lose. I think the biggest thing about him though, was that he adopted my family."

Rigney and Lois, along with children Susan and David, would live a number of Ontario cities during Rigney's long career with Sears Canada.

The family also lived in western Canada for a time before returning to Ontario as Rigney climbed the corporate ladder, ending his 37 years with the company as vice-president of public and government affairs.

During his successful business career, Rigney also sat on a number of boards and committees.

These included, among others, the school board in Saskatoon, the Sir Edmond Hilary Foundation and the board of governors at Toronto's George Brown College.

When Rigney and Lois moved permanently to a family home on Canning Lake in 1994, Rigney quickly jumped onto the local political stage, getting elected as a councillor in the former Snowdon township under reeve George Simmons.

Rigney would later become reeve of the township and long-time Snowdon politician Dwain Wruth would serve as his deputy-reeve.

"Great guy . . . down to earth," says Wruth.

He'd first known Rigney as a member of the executive for the Canning Lake Property Owners' Association.

"He never talked down to anybody," Wruth says, adding that Rigney had a knack for "picking brains" and was an eloquent speaker who could always make other members of council understand what he was talking about.

Rigney was elected the first reeve of the amalgamated township of Minden Hills (combining Snowdon, Lutterworth, Anson, Hindon and Minden) in 2000, with Jim McMahon serving as his deputy-reeve.

McMahon recalls the months following amalgamation as a bit of tumultuous time for the new council.

An agreement had been made between the representatives of the former municipalities that none of their employees would lose their jobs.

However, the new configuration meant some employees were put in different positions and of course, the representatives of each of the former townships all thought they had the best clerk.

A number of employees left the township.

"It was very stressful, especially on Ross," McMahon says. "He handled it professionally."

Like any politicians, McMahon and Rigney didn't always agree, "but I'd support him and he'd support me."

When the idea of Riverwalk, on which the current council is now placing finishing touches, first surfaced, McMahon was all for it while Rigney was hesitant.

Similarly, McMahon was apprehensive about Rigney's plan to expand the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.

"I couldn't see his vision for the corner up here, however, I supported him on it," he says, smiling. "I was totally wrong."



The late Ross Rigney, first reeve of the amalgamated Minden Hills township, gives a wave in this undated *Times* file photo.



Rigney walks with wife, Lois. The two met in Waterloo in 1958 where they attended the same church. /File photo

McMahon recalls that when a section of land became available for sale beside Snowdon Park, Rigney urged council to purchase it for the purposes of an expansion.

When council didn't buy Rigney's pitch, he bought the land with his own money and gave it to the municipality.

Rigney suffered a stroke in 2005 and McMahon was voted by council to replace him.

It was during a trip to see Rigney at the hospital that McMahon said he first realized how many connections Rigney had made with Canadian Tire and how far along he was moving plans for a store in Minden.

"He worked very, very hard with Canadian Tire."

He'd seen Ross just a couple weeks prior to his death and

they'd talked about plans to head to Lindsay for a schnitzel dinner.

"We'd talked about it for a while," he says. "It's one of those things you're going to do next week."

Rigney left an indelible mark on not only fellow politicians, but on staff at Minden Hills as well.

Chief administrative officer Gerry Morrison worked with Rigney from the time he was hired in 2002 until Rigney was forced to resign due to his health.

While he's worked with many politicians in his more than 30 years in administration, he says Rigney stood out.

"He was the one that would always listen, would think every issue through, would take everything into consideration and would make his decisions for the betterment of all the ratepayers he served," Morrison says, adding that Rigney was well-respected by the township's management team.

Former Minden Hills councillor Rick Ratcliff and Rigney discovered around the same time that they had prostate cancer and started the local support group together a decade ago.

Ratcliff, who was also a member of the Minden Rotary Club with Rigney, recalls him as "very caring . . . very political . . . very strong views on things. He loved to talk about his granddaughter."

Lois says both the prostate cancer support group he helped to start and the local stroke survivor support group were invaluable to her husband in his final years.

She also praises the staff at the Haliburton hospital, where Rigney spent his last hours.

"The hospital care is amazing here," she says, also thanking her family, her church family and the community at large for their support through a difficult time.

The Minden United Church was packed to standing-room-only capacity for a celebration of life in honour of Rigney on Saturday, with friends, family, political colleagues and residents coming to pay their last respects to the pioneering patriarch of Minden Hills.

Rigney will rest in the Ingoldsby cemetery.

Campbell clarifies HCDC business loan numbers

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

While the Haliburton County Development Corporation gave more than three times as many loans to businesses in Dysart et al township as it did to businesses in Minden Hills during the past year, it's because there were many more applications from Dysart et al.

In fact, 95 per cent of applications in Minden Hills were approved, compared to the 85 per cent approved in Dysart.

"It's based on demand," HCDC general manager Andy

Campbell told the Times. "It's not a question of we need to put loans equally into every community."

Unlike HCDC's community fund, which generally includes a smaller amount of money to be used for community projects, Campbell said the corporation's loan fund is generally large enough to meet most of the demand within the county.

"Most of the applications have a pretty good chance of being approved," he said.

In the past year, HCDC approved 64 loans to businesses in Dysart et al and just 20 loans (more than the 16 reported at the corporation's annual general meeting) to businesses in Minden Hills.

However, there were 75 loan applications made in Dysart and in Minden Hills, just 21.

"It's all merit [of the applications]," Campbell said, stressing the corporation is not concerned with the location of the businesses.

In the 26 years the corporation has existed, businesses

in Dysart et al have received 52 per cent of \$50 million in loans; Minden Hills 32 per cent; Algonquin Highlands nine per cent; and Highlands East five per cent.

Campbell said this can largely be explained by the fact the majority of the county's businesses (there are approximately 750 of them) are located in Dysart et al.

"That's what I was trying to get at," he said.


At the annual general meeting on Oct. 26, Campbell had said the reason for the discrepancy was that Dysart et al has a larger population.

In terms of actual population, Dysart et al and Minden Hills are in a virtual dead heat, with approximately 5,500 residents living in each township.

HCDC is one of 61 development corporations in Ontario and has the largest portfolio.

Still, its bad debtload sits at around just three per cent, which Campbell said is very good.

Campbell is scheduled to meet with Minden Hills council in December.



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HHSS class prepares for Remembrance Day

What does Remembrance Day mean to the youth of today? Some people believe that children now don't really understand the true meaning of this special day.

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School is trying to make it more relevant to the students of the school with the Remembrance Day assembly.

Ryan Merritt's Grade 10 drama class has taken the wheel and will be performing many acts and songs during the school's assembly, incorporating not only the world wars, but the many battles that are happening today with hopes of making it more real for the stu-

dents.

The class has been preparing for this day for more than a month.

Paul Longo, one of the teachers at the school who has a big part in the assembly, hopes including the war in Afghanistan will give students a better understanding of the importance of Nov. 11.

Longo believes that bringing in the people from the community will also going to help students get more interested in Remembrance Day.

-Riley Maracle, co-op student



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The Rotary Club of Minden and Point in Times are inviting everyone to take part in a fundraising bowlathon this weekend.

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Individual and team entries are welcome.

For more information, call Bob Taylor at 705-286-2856, email rstayorcfp@bell.net or call The Fast Lane at 705-286-3900.

Dorset painter follows her dream

➤ Studio a blend of old and new

Mike Baum
Special to the *Times*

Follow the red brick road. It doesn't take you to Oz, but it does lead you to a woman who follows her dreams in an enchanting place called The Art Room.

Painter Elizabeth Johnson has carved a delightful gallery/studio out of her husband's shop (Portico Timber Frames), on Highway 35, south of the Dorset bridge. Just follow the red brick and cobblestone walkway that runs between the wood-fired pizza oven and the statues made out of clay pots.

Everything here is very artistic, a curious blend of the old and the new. The very cobblestones you walk on came from Scotland as ballast in Toronto-bound ships over a century ago. They paved the streets of Toronto for decades, and now those very stones and old bricks guide you past a curious-looking pizza oven, through a prolific garden, to Elizabeth's studio/gallery.

The pizza oven on your right, built by husband, Brad, and daughter, Sarah Jane, is an exact replica of the ovens used in ancient Pompeii. Each summer, thousands of mouth-watering, thin-crust pizzas are baked on the brick floor of this oven when Pizza on Earth is open for business.

The curving path leads you past an English-style patio surrounded by raised beds, where a tangle of greenery is punctuated with colourful flowers, like blobs of paint in an impressionist painting. Three years ago, the area was an eye-sore of discarded lumber and weeds. Now, the garden feeds their family all summer, supplies herbs to the pizzeria, and beautifies the property with cheerful zinnias, sunflowers, and gladiolas. The gardens were so successful that Elizabeth started the Dorset Community Garden with help from Abbey Gardens and Sobey's. Fifteen local families grow vegetables here in raised boxes.

The brick and cobblestone path ends in front of old, French doors with thick leaded glass panes – the original doors from the Bayview Hotel in Huntsville. Brad patched them up and Elizabeth replaced the pane with the bullet hole in it, and now they sparkle with new life.

The doors swing open into The Art Room – a clean, white space with simple pine floor and wainscoting. One is startled by the cheerful, golden paintings of Haliburton and Dorset: snow-laden

branches, old farmsteads, lichen-covered rocks. You feel like a hunter who has just flushed out joy into the open.

The painter, a small, lively woman of 52, sits you down on a creaky, Victorian settee, hands you a cup of hot tea and begins to laugh and talk about her journey as an artist.

"I've been painting all my life. My paintings are simply a conversation between God and me. The topics and the style change as we grow older. I work with one hand applying paint to a canvass, and the other hand reaching for God. Painting like this, you see that everything in this life is sacred. We live in a wonderful, luminous world which has given us everything we need to turn our life into joy. So, I paint joy with bold, expressive, colourful brush strokes."

After studies in Greece and Paris, and a career as a high school teacher of French, English and art, Elizabeth left her profession to paint and to raise her four children. She participated in the Muskoka Autumn Studio Tour, and continued to study painting at the Haliburton School of Fine Arts, and at workshops in the United States. She gleans inspiration from former Canadian artists, especially the Beaver Hall Group of painters, and the work of Morrice, Gagnon, and Thompson.

The Art Room, Portico Timber Frames, Pizza on Earth, and the community garden are a family working together to enable each other to follow their dreams successfully.

You can learn more about Elizabeth and her artwork on her website, www.ejohnsonart.com.



Mike Baum Special to the *Times*

Dorset painter Elizabeth Johnson touches up one of her landscape pieces.

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points of view

our editorial

If you want it

THIS WEEK, many of us are wearing red poppies on our clothing as symbols of remembrance and respect for Canadian soldiers who've been killed in duty.

Remembrance Day is an important and solemn occasion, a time to honour those who lost their lives in not just the First and Second World Wars, but other conflicts up to and including the war in Afghanistan.

However, it should be a time not just to commemorate Canadian military sacrifice, but also to ponder the horrible human behaviour that is war.

War is as old as the human race itself. It seems to come as naturally to us as breathing.

From the gruesome hand-to-hand combat of ancient Rome, to the hefty tanks of the Second World War to the button-pushing, bomb-dropping, rocket-launching war tactics of today, human history is marred with countless conflicts and countless more dead before their natural time.

Human beings can't seem to resist the temptation to murder each other in mass numbers over race, religion, politics and power.

How screwed up is that?

Remembrance Day should be a

time to sit and contemplate how truly archaic and barbaric this behaviour is.

Remembrance Day should be a time to think not just about war, but about peace and how, while it may seem overly idealistic or impossible, we, as a species, go about achieving it.

I'm not for a second purporting that I have anything close to a solution for such a complicated an age-old question, but I do think we'd get further faster if we spent more time on the subject.

What are the major social, economic and political causes of war?

How can governments work together to address them more acutely so the need to pick up weapons doesn't arise?

Spending one day a year thinking about the ravages of war is not enough.

We need to spend more time talking about how to stop war from happening in the first place.

Wars typically have losers and winners and the victors are the ones who have written the horrible book of human history.

However, as long as we continue to kill each other, ultimately, we all lose.



Chad Ingram
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Mat Trick

letters to the editor

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To the Editor,

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We could not have done it without the generosity of everyone who donated and we thank everyone for that. We greatly appreciate that.

Cody Anderson, on behalf of the Interact Club of HHSS

Too old?

To the Editor,

The following is an open letter to Neil Campbell, a columnist for the Minden Times.

Dear Neil,

A couple of weeks ago I was enjoying your column *The Music of our Lives* as you described a performance at the Dominion Hotel that turned out to be a jam-packed and enjoyable show. I always like your column but as I was reading this one I came to a screeching stop when you said "If you know who Johnny Ray was, you are too old to be reading this column."

Heck Neil, I know who Johnny Ray was and at the risk of shocking you completely I'll tell you that I even went to a Johnny Ray performance at the Casino on Queen Street in Toronto. Yeah I know; I'm really, really old.

My gosh, Neil, I even remember Al Jolson. And I'm still around!

I remember countless times that I was

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points of view

The name game

ALMOST EVERY HUNT camp I know has a place or two that's known by a scary, memorable name. In ours, all you need to do is mention Hangman's Tree or Skull Crossing and everyone immediately sits up and pays attention. Which is not something that would happen if we called them The Old Misshapen Maple and The Spot at the End of the Lake.

I think this is why each camp has them – just to add a little excitement and romance to the local topography. I also believe that the nature of these names is a throwback to the time when hunting was predominantly a manly man's sport. Naturally, this called for names that hinted at danger and adventure, preferably mixed in with a bit of gore – call it a male version of a feminine hygiene commercial.

Of course, these names we use are

full of bluff and bravado, tailor made for storytelling.

Rest assured, no one has ever been hung from Hangman's Tree. But it does look like the type of tree where this could have happened if the circumstance warranted it – say, for instance, if someone burned the toast at breakfast. And while someone once found a skull at Skull Crossing, it was not nearly as human as most of us would have hoped for. But we didn't let that stop us from giving the place a really cool name.

The problem is, since the addition of Heart Attack Hill in the late 1980s, we hunters have expended all viable options.

Luckily, however, more and more female hunters are getting involved in deer camps. And this could be our saving grace. Women see things differently and, if we're lucky, they'll join in and add more great names to the mix.

Hopefully, these names will have the same menacing tone that ours do. That means that we might soon be talking in hushed whispers about places like Jasmine Tea Meadows or Pretty Flower Peninsula.

OK, these names might even be a little scarier.

But the point is at least they're new names. And that's exciting!

The deer hunting tradition needs a bit of new life injected into it and if

that means having to spend a morning watching for deer to cross at The Old Oprah Run or Summer's Eve Meadow so be it.

In the meantime, we male hunters should continue trying to come up with modern, menacing names that will send a chill down the spine of all those young hunters coming through the ranks.

This is important since hunting these days must compete with video games and the Internet.

With this in mind, the names we select should be relevant yet frightening to the older and younger generation alike.

Now, if you'll excuse me, I'm going to sneak over to Chili Night Hill.

TheOutdoorLife@aol.com



Steve Galea
Beyond 35

Drawing the line in the bush

ON SAPSUCKER RIDGE, our feelings about trespassing are complicated and far too flexible to be entirely fair, but we have managed to get through 35 years in the bush without posting our land.

In theory, we have no objections to walkers so long as they respect our privacy. In practice, The Brown Dog Jiggs would bark at any of them who happened along. So far, nobody has.

So, the first rule is that hikers are OK. The second is that motorized machines are not welcome. Only my own ATV is allowed to shatter our tranquillity.

Finally, if you ask for permission to hunt, I will be impressed by your good sportsmanship for, in practical terms, there is no way I can stop you.

I could post signs – No Trespassing or No Hunting or just big red dots – along my road frontage, but posting the 3,300-foot lines that define the long sides of my property seems to me to be a practical impossibility.

This column is not an open invitation. If you had asked me before you read it, I would have given you permission on condition that you notify me of each visit so The Brown Dog and I aren't in the bush when you are.

Caution is always a good thing,

but the danger of being in the woods in November may be exaggerated, unless you are a deer. Hunters are far less likely to blaze away at the sound of a twig snap than they were in the good old days.

These last few years, it seems to be that when hunters shoot another human being, it usually is another hunter, not some innocent bystander.

Of course, I would rather not be the exception. I wear a vest of hunter orange over a bright red jacket on my wood-cutting expeditions

Jiggs, who looks far too much like a deer for his own good, is always on a leash or tied to a tree for these two weeks.

Years ago, somebody told me it was wrong to hunt on private property, posted or not, without the owner's permission. When he said wrong, I heard illegal, and I've been living in a fool's paradise ever since.

Wrong means unethical or unsportsmanlike, not illegal. Hunting becomes trespassing only when the landowner puts up signs or issues a

verbal or written warning. Carrying a gun makes you a hunter, whether you shoot it or not.

No hunting really means no hunting without permission. It would not prevent me from hunting my own land, or granting permission to others. The same goes for other warning signs. There goes another myth.

You can't shoot over a posted line, or send your hunting dogs over the line in hot pursuit. You can't even do the right thing and

follow a wounded animal onto posted land.

The Brown Dog and I would be hypocrites if we posted our 50 acres, for we wander without permission over all the hundreds of wild acres that surround us.

In my concession, it's almost three miles through from the back of Archie Stouffer School to Big Bob Lake, and unless somebody's thrown up some new signs lately, there's no way of knowing you have crossed at least seven property lines along the way.

Not that anybody does that very often, so far as I can see. Only once



Neil Campbell
Back of Beyond

have I met a hunter on my 50 acres and he was alone, looking for partridge, I think.

He was an older fellow. I'll bet he was flushing birds on Sapsucker Ridge when it belonged to the Coxes. I figured he had as much right to be there as I did

Not everybody local is a hunter but for those who are, these two weeks in November are as important as Christmas. Putting away your own meat for the winter is a family tradition.

In a way, posting your land against hunting is a way of declaring that you are an outsider, that you hold no truck with a Haliburton way of life that has been going on since time before memory.

Time before memory, the Algonquin tribes that came before us must have chased deer on Sapsucker Ridge. They believed that the woods belonged to nobody and to everybody.

So do I.

Neil Campbell's book, Cell Phones and Sap Buckets, is available in book stores across Haliburton County.

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A disappointment

from page 6

told as a child, when I wanted to do something or other, "No! You're too young". But you have provided a new experience for me—you told me I was too old to do something: specifically to read your column! You can't imagine my disappointment! Now, when I see your column I'll just have to pass it by. What a shame because I always liked it.

Glen Bonham
Minden

Minden is wonderful

To the Editor,

Minden is amazing! Halloween was alive and well in our wonderful town. There were so many family events for the little goblins to enjoy. The party at the community centre on Sunday evening, the haunted house at the fire hall on Halloween night and the haunted house at Carey's Garden Centre.

Well done everyone! I have a warm spot in my heart for Carey's Garden Centre because they are the new home for Renzo Rosati's haunted house that used to scare local goblins at Pine Reflections in Carnarvon. Paul and Brenda Carey called me and offered the Rotary Club of Minden the entry fee donation to our club. There were over 160 brave souls that went through the very scary maze. Thank you Paul, Brenda and Ann for all your hard work and extra hours over the four evenings.

A special thanks to Frankenstein, you truly are a very scary man.

Thanks to all of the Rotarian and friends who showed up to help out and make it extra special. The Rotary Club of Minden thanks everyone for their generous donations.

Molly McInerney
President, Rotary Club of Minden

Signs need to be cleaned up

To the Editor,

We still have campaign signs in and around Dorset for Rick Johnson, Liberal MPP from our recent provincial election. The other candidates have picked theirs up. These are unsightly before an election but are really annoying after it is all over. Even though he lost I believe he has a responsibility to clean up his signs.

Margaret Stroud
Dorset

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Remembering in Minden

Sian Cox
Special to the *Times*

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 636, Minden, held a service of remembrance this past Sunday afternoon at the county cairn in Minden. The ceremony began with a parade led by the North Hastings Highlanders band.

Wreaths were placed by the county warden, the reeves of Minden Hills and Algonquin Highlands and by many other Legion members while an honour guard of local cadets stood by. The stands were filled with people who came to pay their respects to Canadians who made the ultimate sacrifice.



Above, The North Hastings Highlanders band leads the parade to the county cairn. Those who served our country take a moment to remember on Sunday, Nov. 6 in Minden.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING Thursday, November 10th 2011 Minden Hills Council Chambers (following the November 10th COTW meeting)

Notice is hereby given
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Meeting has been called for
Thursday, November
10th, 2011 immediately following
the Committee of the Whole/
General Committee meeting.
The purpose of the Special
Meeting is for Council to consider:

- Site Plan Approval for Lot 3,
Conc. A, Minden
(BORCAP)
- By-law 11-88 – the acceptance
of land described as Part 2 on
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MEETINGS AND EVENTS

November 10th	Special council meeting following COTW
November 10th	9:00 am COTW/General Committee (Public session 10:00 am)
November 12th	Spaghetti dinner – Lochlin Community Centre
November 17th	7 pm Lochlin Community Centre Advisory Committee, Lochlin Community Centre
November 24th	Council meeting – CANCELLED
November 26th	11:30 am 23rd Annual Minden Hills Santa Claus Parade (public parking lot)
December 2nd	9:00 pm Annual Christmas Dance – Minden Hills Community Centre (cash bar)
December 8th	9:00 am Last regular Council meeting for 2011 (Public session 10:00 am)

Festival of Trees

Festival of Trees at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre is a magical event
for the entire family. Enjoy the lights and outdoor arrangements as you
stroll throughout the grounds. Be sure to check out the children's art
& craft workshop in the Schoolhouse and don't forget a visit to the
Sugar Plum Candy Shop! Come join the fun November 25, 26, and
27th. An old fashioned Carol Sing will also be held November 25th in
the Museum Church from 6:30pm-7:30pm. Admission to the Festival
of trees is Adults \$4.00, Seniors \$3.00, Children \$2.00 and Families
\$10.00. Don't forget to pick up a ticket for the Minden Rotary sponsored
raffle and you could win a \$1000 gift certificate from Travel Plus!

R.D. LAWRENCE PLACE

Back Words Short Story Contest – sponsored by the Minden Times/Haliburton Echo

The Back Words contest is an allusion to the beautiful back woods
country here in the Haliburton Highlands. Entrants must use five
random words: "raccoon", "hollow", "sanctuary", "star" and "farm"
in short stories not to exceed 750 words. Deadline for submissions
is Wednesday, November 23. Winners will be announced at 11am on
December 3rd at R.D. Lawrence Place.

Scoundrel or War of 1812 hero? Brock's Agent by Tom Taylor

Friday, November. 11 at RDLP at 7pm
Tickets \$12 for HHWN members and \$15 for public
"A ripping yarn" is what the Globe and Mail has dubbed Tom Taylor's
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and pose as a fur trader in the midst of the war of 1812. Meet author
Tom Taylor, a war of 1812 historian who has turned his passion for this
largely ignored chapter of history into a hot new book. Taylor will give
a reading and talk about this complex novel and the battle that defined
our borders. This is a Haliburton Highlands Writers and Editors Event.
For information call Sheryl Loucks at 705-286-2298.

AGNES JAMIESON GALLERY EXHIBIT

Members' Show: November 3 – December 17

Come see the work submitted by Gallery Members. This is a great
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art, as well as to vote for your favorite in the People's Choice Award.
Join us for the closing reception on Saturday, December 17, where
the People's Choice winner will be announced, and enjoy some
Holiday Cheer as well. It's a fun time to enjoy your gallery and maybe
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For more information on any of these events please see our website
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Minden Fire Department 2011 Cash Calendar Winners! Winners for October 24th

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NOTICE

This is to confirm that the next regular
Committee of the Whole/ General
Committee meeting will be held on
November 10th, with a Special Council
meeting immediately following.

The November 24th, 2011 Council
meeting is being cancelled.

The regular scheduled Council meeting
and the last Council meeting of 2011,
according to the Township's Procedure
By-law, will be held on Thursday,
December 8th, 2011.

Laura Cunliffe
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Letters sent from war

The following story is provided courtesy of *For King and Country*, an exhibit produced by the Minden Hills Museum.

To view more, go to www.virtual-museum.ca and search for "Haliburton."

Vera Cryderman and Stuart Stanley Taylor were sweethearts before Taylor enlisted with the 109th Battalion. Vera taught school in Haliburton County, mainly in Carnarvon. Stuart was a farmer from Minden. The sweethearts exchanged numerous letters while Taylor was overseas with the Canadian Expeditionary Force.

Stuart's letters reveal that while he was overseas he was not fighting on the front lines but was logging and laying rails with horse teams.

Vera did her teaching education in one year, instead of the normal two years, while Stuart was in France, and then started teaching at different schools in the county. As well as letters, Stuart and Vera exchanged photos. Vera continually sent Stuart care packages. Stuart joked about owing a huge bill for them when he got home. Along with one of the care packages, Vera sent Stuart four pressed red maple leaves, two of which Stuart sent back in the following letters to Vera.

When the war was over Stuart and Vera were married on July 11, 1919 in a small

church in Carnarvon.

Dear Vera,

I wrote you last Sunday, but you won't have it yet.

The last letter I had of yours it was written on June 26th, I don't know where it went to, it must of went to S.S. With you but before I got that one I received some dated later one of them dated July 29th, you were at B.B. at the time of written. There is a lot of heavy shooting this morning and airplanes flying around. Some of them are French and some Germans. There is good work being done by the Canadians and French allies. I hope you last in your work all right. It was a big undertaking to take your two years' work in one. Say, Vera, do you know, I lost your picture I had it in a little book that I had a lot of addresses in and some note, and I lost all.

When you write be sure to put on my number which is 763751 Pt. Stuart Taylor 51st. Coy CFC. Section Portals 164 Armere Francaise.

We can get lots of apples and good plums we get both to eat and lots of work that is those that are willing to do it, I wish I could write all I wanted to, just the way it is now it is hard to write a letter. So I think I will ring off until next Sunday. Hoping this finds you all well as it leaves

me enjoying the best of health.

Please remember me to all as I remain the same to you.

Good-bye, Vera xxx

Yours Truly, S.S.T.

Miss Vera Cryderman,

Yours of Sept. 25th arrived yesterday and box also, which was just as good as it was when you made it. I appreciated your kindness very much you can't realize the enjoyment a soldier takes when he is opening a box from friends, it certainly puts one thinking more of those who is thinking of them it seems to put new life in a person although it must be a lot of trouble making up a box to send so far. I hardly know how to thank you for your kindness. I suppose you see by the paper that this awful war is going on and about this big battle that was fought by the Francks about a week ago. Is conscription picking up any of those boys that are running around Minden? If not, it should. I see it's not stopping a great many of them from getting married. Have you even been up at our old place since they sold out? I would like to see it now. You and the girls should take a trip up there. Write and tell me how it looks. These maple leaves that you sent me they certainly are nice. I am putting a couple in this letter to see if they make it home.

If they do, they will be returned leaves. We have no maple here but lots of oak, basswood, beech, and birch.

The weather is keeping warm for this time of the year. Well, I think I will close hoping this will find all well, as it's leaving myself fine and getting along the very best. So will close with the best of love so good night from Corporal S.S. Taylor

Dear Vera,

Yours of April the 9th arrived last week, and the 13th and 15th I received last night. I am so glad Father is able to be around again, he must have put in a awful winter and it would make it so hard on Mother and the girls but now since the spring weather is in it no doubt will improve his health daily.

I had a letter from Uncle Jim last night he wrote it March the 18th all this time coming. Well Vera we are surely having awful weather raining every day but just now the sun is shining for a wonder. I think there must be going to be something doing in the air tonight by the sound of the plains that is sailing around. Mother will have her hands full now with Mrs. Howse this time of sickness will very likely bring her life to the end.

see DEAR page 11



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Dear Miss Vera

from page 10

Well Vera dear it is so hard for to write here but I will do the best that I can. Two years ago I could write what I wish to but can't do it here.

The first of June I'll be in the army two years, and am able to say that my sheet is white yet, that is worth a lot, isn't it.

You were saying you sent a box, but have not got it yet. You will have a big bill against me when I go home for all these boxes.

Well Vera, tomorrow my work is to have six teams drawing railway ties on to chain rail road telle one on the G.S. wagon and five to take a donkey engine up the hill and one team to work where the donkey is going to be put. Well Vera I'll close now hoping you are well and H. and A.

Good bye,
Stuart Taylor.

Dear Vera,

As night is here again thought I would write a few lines to let you know that I haven't forgotten you yet and what's more not likely to. I wrote you a short letter the first of this week it was short to its very hard to write here. A year ago today I was in Dorset at a school picnic not thinking I would be in France today two years the first of June since I entered and say Vera I have seen some hard times in this time but still I fell alright over it all. Some days I got enough to eat, and other days did not.

Last week I had the pleasure of meeting Major Waldie ~ he was in the 122 Bn. he came up here and seen the most of the 122 boys he was glad to see them and all was pleased to see him. Well Vera I will soon have to stop for I have to call the roll, I would like to go to bed now but can't until after roll call.

I wrote to Amy the other night and to Ada, am looking for a letter from Annie its about time for one to be here since she got home in west.

We are getting nice weather now not much rain and no mud this is making things much better for the boys. It seems funny here not hearing birds singing their cheerful little songs. I guess the airplanes are taken their place. I see lots of planes both French and Germans.

Well Vera first post is just gone so I'll close.

With the very best of love, be good till I go home.

Good night.
S. Taylor

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Art marketing website for the Highlands in the works

Jenn Watt
Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Nov. 3 annual general meeting of the Arts Council ~ Haliburton Highlands.

An Ontario government grant will allow local artists the chance to sell their work online through Made-in-Haliburton.ca, a website the arts council intends to launch.

Coordinator Donna Gagnon told the membership that the Ministry of Culture had given the council nearly \$50,000 to create the site.

"[It will] give them a whole new market that they can't tap into right now," Gagnon said.

She envisioned items such as CDs, event tickets and written work all selling on the site. The project is a partnership between the council, Don and Marie Gage, Parker Pad and Printing, the Art Hive and The Right Eyed Deer Press.

Artists in Schools program shrinks

The arts council's education committee wasn't able to find enough money this year to continue offering its 25-classroom arts education program at its current size.

Committee chairperson Stella Voisin told the members that because some grants didn't come through, just 14 classrooms would have programming in the 2011/12 year.

"For the coming year we're hoping that plan [can be] modified as we continue to look for additional funding," she said.

Last year, 150 sessions were run involving 13 artists benefiting 500 children in all of the county's elementary schools.

Voisin also noted that Visible Voices, a creative expression program headed by Fay Wilkinson, has received funding to run a mental health project with Highland Wood and Hyland Crest long-term-care homes.

"Visible Voices has been set free ... we have let that group fly," she said, explaining they were no longer under the umbrella of the education committee.

Arts directory changes

Three of the county's yearly publications, the Destination Guide, chamber of commerce directory and arts directory will be "published, marketed and [have] advertising sold together," according to a report from the marketing committee.

Janis Parker of the marketing committee and owner of Parker Pad, which is doing work on the booklets this year,

explained that the arts directory would remain much the same as last year, while the arts calendar mail-out would be improving in design.

The mail-out, which is separate from the directory, has been a contentious issue in Dysart as council refused to include it in the tax bill this year.

The municipalities of Minden Hills and Algonquin Highlands will continue to deliver the calendar, while Highlands East has said it's not interested at this time.

Parker suggested that in Dysart the calendar could be sent with realtor Anthony Van Lieshout's lakefront property owners mail-out free of charge.

Focus on networking

The membership committee reported that a survey of members showed the main reason people join the council is for its advocacy and networking opportunities.

Committee chairperson Chris Lynd told members that these results have encouraged the committee to continue with events such as the artist chats, Arty Party and studio visits among other things.

She added that developing a mentorship program would be one of the goals in the coming year.

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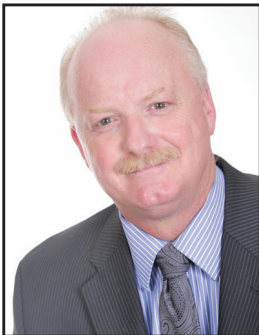
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School eliminates detentions in favour of conflict resolution

Jenn Watt
Editor

Just because there's no detention doesn't mean there's no deterrent.

This year, Archie Stouffer Elementary School is testing out a novel concept – get rid of detentions in favour of restorative practices.

"We eliminated detentions because they don't work," principal Traci Hubbert said in an interview.

Instead, students participate in R and R: restore and repair.

"They have to take responsibility for whatever action they did to get them there ... and plan on how they will restore the relationship and repair the harm."

The school came to the decision after watching kids simply wait out detention time, learning nothing.

In some cases, they welcomed the detention as time for a break.

Students fresh out of R and R attest to the program's efficiency.

Four boys who had to write an apology letter to their teacher explain that having to think through their issues and atone for their behaviour was far more work than detention.

"In detention you'd be sitting, trying to sleep," one boy says.

The others nod and giggle.

This was much harder.

"Twenty minutes of silence doesn't con-

nect them to what they've done," vice-principal Sheila Shauf explains.

Hubbert said that so far the program has cut down the amount of disciplinary action taken against students.

Part of why R and R works, she believes, is that the students know they will be held accountable for what they do.

"Kids can be mean," she said, "but kids can also rise above that and make good decisions and our kids do."

One way ASES students are rising above is through the peer mediator program.

Participating Grade 7 and 8 students will volunteer to be a safe contact for kids with issues on the playground and around school.

While all of the senior students have gone through conflict resolution training, Shauf is hoping about 20 of them will make a commitment to help others peacefully resolve their conflicts.

Two of those students, Emma Cox and Jacey Baldry, both in Grade 8, see real value in the program.

They think younger kids will prefer to talk to older students rather than teachers in some cases.

"They might be more nervous around a teacher," Emma suggested.

Jacey said the process was "a good idea" and the pair of them described using open-ended questions and providing a compassionate ear for those needing help.

Report bullying online

ASES has equipped its website with a special form for students who want to report bullying.

For the first time, <http://ase.tdsb.on.ca/> will take complaints from students who prefer the privacy of online reporting.

"I thought it's one more way for kids to access support if they needed it," principal Traci Hubbert said.

At her previous school, J.D. Hodgson Elementary School, Hubbert had opted in to the website feature, which any school in the board can do.

Students must provide their name, grade

and teacher's name as well as a comment about the bullying in order to send the form, which goes to the principal, vice-principal, head secretary and a school board contact, to ensure someone sees it promptly.

Hubbert said the site generates about one or two reports a month, "not a ton by any stretch of the imagination," but that each complaint is important and is acted upon.

A teacher takes every class through the process of filling out the form.

The form can be found by going to the school's website, choosing "students" in the top menu and then selecting "report bullying,"



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2	Eric Casper	256	72	Ray Lymer	201
3	Bill Argue	255	73	Lisa Barry	201
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5	Scott LaRue	253	75	Jim Winn	198
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7	J.D. Thomas	244	77	Beryl Rasmus	197
8	Rick West	242	78	Spence Elvins	196.75
9	Norm Bottum	240.75	79	Audrey Sedley	196
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Blacklisted artist shares her story

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

She's on Stephen Harper's blacklist and last weekend, artist Franke James was at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.

The author of *Bothered By My Green Conscience* and *Dear Prime Minister* – visual essays that combine James's brightly coloured art works with a call for improved environmental stewardship – was in town on Nov. 4 for a talk hosted by Environment Haliburton.

While she read a few of her short stories about how each of us can become environmental activists in our day-to-day lives, it was the story about the federal government's quelling of James's work that really had audience members on the edge of their seats.

Earlier in the year, James had made plans for a travelling exhibition of her works throughout Europe through a Croatian NGO.

James had been incredibly excited about the once-in-a-lifetime show.

"It was going to go amazing cities," she said, citing London, Berlin and Moscow among many other major world centres.

However, before the exhibition could take place, James was contacted by a representative of the NGO who explained that she'd been contacted by the Canadian embassy about "a delicate matter."

The NGO had been told that James's work spoke against the Canadian government.

It cancelled the show.

"I didn't know the government knew who I was, let alone hated me," she told the

room.

The story received coverage in some of the country's major newspapers and while James said the federal government had originally supported and provided funding for the show, it changed its tune to say that any approved funding "was a fantasy of her own making."

James put in a freedom-of-information request for the documentation to prove she had been approved for funding and when the documentation hadn't arrived 70 days later, she put in a complaint.

The weekend before Halloween, she picked up the documents in person in Ottawa.

At the cultural centre, she showed a slide of a document reading that her exhibit had been approved for \$5,000 in funding.

"Some people would call it lying, but for the government, it is just public relations," James said.

However, the funding was subsequently pulled, according to redacted documents "for reasons of national security" and the "defence of Canada."

Her European show was not happening, but James was not ready to give up. "I may be small, but I need to speak up," the petite, unassuming artist said.

A petition to help James was started on Twitter and she was put in contact with a California company called LoudSauce, which specializes in using traditional commercial mediums such as billboards, for the spreading of socially conscious messages.

Through Twitter, some 82 people donated the \$4,000 James needed to launch a public, outdoor show of her banned works in Ottawa.



Chad Ingram Staff

Artist and environmental activist Franke James talks about her clash with the federal government in Minden on Nov. 4. A show James had planned in Europe was cancelled and her work deemed a threat to Canadian security.

James told the audience that while Twitter can have a reputation of being a conduit for nothing more than rapid messages about what users had for their breakfast, that it is an amazing tool for any activist.

On Nov. 1, Banned on the Hill opened in Ottawa, and features numerous posters of James's bright paintings on bus stops and other public display areas in the Bank Street area, near Parliament Hill.

"Who will pay to clean up the mess?" one asks.

"Is it right to use the sky as a sewer?" asks

another, criticizing the way the county's tar sands operation pollutes the air.

James, who stressed than being environmentally friendly technologies and practices can also be good for the economy, encouraged everyone to write their own letters to the Prime Minister,

"If he thought it was in his own self-interest, he would be green in a flash," she said.

A performance by Outloud Womyn's Voices preceded James's talk.

She hosted an art workshop at the centre on Nov. 5.

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Singer-songwriter croons for cappuccino with CD release

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Alec Morrison is almost as passionate about coffee as he is about music, so it makes sense that his CD release party at the Art Hive this weekend is also a fundraiser for a new cappuccino machine for the Hive.

Morrison will play songs from his new album, *Already Been Where I Was Goin'* at the gallery on Sunday.

Unlike many albums, Morrison's was recorded in a mental hospital.

Originally from Haileybury, Ont., Morrison spent a number of years travelling the western portion of the country and during that time, began to develop psychosis, for which he did a few stints in institutions.

When he returned to Ontario from Calgary in 2003, he was admitted to the psychiatric hospital in North Bay where he was put in solitary confinement.

"I asked for a guitar they had in the ward and they let me have a guitar in there and it was a very cathartic feeling," Morrison, who started playing guitar at age 12, told the paper in a phone interview. "I played pretty much all day. It's a real medicinal thing."

The album's first song, *No Place Left to Hide*, was written in solitary confinement.

More songs – punkish folk works with just Morrison's voice floating over an acoustic guitar – came later.

"The subject matter is a lot of hurting songs, but there's some political songs in there too," Morrison said. "There's usually a coffee or beer in front of me when I [write]."

The singer-songwriter loves coffee.

"I don't know what I'd do without it," he said.

Morrison took a blacksmithing course at Haliburton's



Singer-songwriter Alec Morrison will be playing songs from his new album, *Already Been Where I Was Goin'* at the Art Hive on Nov. 13.

Photo submitted

Fleming College last year and has since moved to Carnarvon.

"I love the scene [in Haliburton County]," he said. "It's got a great arts scene and music scene."

Last winter, he started going to the Art Hive for coffee, at least once a week.

"When I found out their cappuccino machine busted, I was like, how about we do a fundraiser?"

Morrison speaks unabashedly about his mental health struggles and believes that communication and education

are key to overcoming the social stigma attached to mental health problems.

"One of the stigmas is that it's a character flaw . . . they don't take it seriously," he said. "I didn't, before I became ill. It's actually a real serious problem. It's debilitating . . . life-threatening sometimes."

The show takes place at 1:30 p.m. and there is a \$5 cover charge.

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Oxycodone use rising in province

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Communities across Ontario are experiencing a rise in the number of individuals who abuse narcotic drugs such as OxyContin, a brand of oxycodone.

The growing epidemic has resulted in a crackdown across the province by the Ontario Provincial Police.

Sandy Adams, media relations and community service officer for the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment, presented information on the issue to members of the local human services and justice coordinating committee of the Haliburton Highlands on Nov. 2.

"The misuse of Oxy Contin is not just happening in Haliburton County, but everywhere," said Adams.

Originally developed for terminally ill individuals, oxycodone is legal to have, however, has increasingly become abused.

Available by prescription, the painkiller medication is typically prescribed to cancer patients or those experiencing excruciating pain from things such as third degree burns.

"It's very good for pain management and is still being used," said Adams.

Narcotics such as oxycodone provide pain relief for about 12 hours, compared to a painkiller such as Percocet, which provides approximately five hours of relief.

With a lesser affect than Percocet, oxycodone is highly addictive and is comparable to heroin, said Adams.

"OxyContin doesn't contain acetaminophen, it is made up of pure oxycodone," she said.

The make-up of the drug results in a slow release of medication.

"One OxyContin can contain the same amount of oxycodone as 16 Percocet pills," said Adams.

Adams maintains the pill is not dangerous when taken as prescribed, only resulting in an issue if taken when not

prescribed.

"People are looking to get a rush," said Adams of why the drug is being misused.

In recent years the OPP have seen an increase in deaths as a result of an overdose of OxyContin, she said.

Those who are addicted will experience withdrawal if they stop taking it, resulting in flu-like symptoms experienced on a much larger scale, said Adams.

Those addicted to the drug are gaining possession of it in a number of ways, including doctors' over-prescribing and robbery from pharmacies and homes.

"Having someone else's OxyContin is a crime," said Adams.

The OPP are continually on the lookout for signs of trafficking, which include possessing a fake ID card, secretive or suspicious behaviour and large amounts of cash.

"We're not talking about hundreds, but thousands of dollars," said Adams.

Other suspicious behaviour from those trafficking the drug includes an individual owning multiple cell-phones, frequently wearing hooded sweatshirts to cover their face and violence.

It is difficult for police to determine what the average price of OxyContin is as the price is established by a variety of factors such as geography and supply, said Adams.

Oxycodone-related deaths in Ontario have been on the rise over the past five years, with the number of deaths in 2008 double the tally for 2004, said Adams.

"This is because of availability."

Adams has suspected the number has increased since 2008, as the problem is now reaching epidemic proportions according to medical practitioners.

"The more information we can get out there about this drug the healthier and better off the community will be," she said.



Scaring up some grub

Members of the high school's Interact Club presented food they collected from the community to the Minden Food Bank last week. Pictured from left are Puru Shah, John Cross, Chrissy Shaw, Katlyn Doiron, Vicky Bukta and Brady Dodds. /Submitted

Local artist launches novel

Donna Bisschop is better known in Haliburton County as a fine artist than as a writer, but to her, weaving tales with a pen comes as naturally as it does with a brush.

Her new novel *A Raccoon In Sheep's Clothing* will be launched at R.D. Lawrence Place on Wednesday, Nov. 23 at 7 p.m. and it features the type of symbolism and metaphors she is known for in her paintings.

Free admission and light refreshments are available.

"Over the years, writing became a natural extension of art, fulfilling my creative spirit and speaking out in a manner that my fine art couldn't with the SNAP program books for special needs children and the Donna Bisschop doodle book for inspired minds," says Bisschop. "I write because life is precious, because Spirit moves in mysterious ways, and because magic exists. Our connection to each other as humans, as community and as cognitive thinkers is always my focus whether writing or painting. We all bleed red."

Bisschop's choice to make a raccoon the central character in her book is not perhaps surprising given her love of the natural inhabitants of the county to which she has returned to live. Bisschop says her new book for adults is a metaphysical gallop through fantasy posing as reality.

The story is about Mack, a raccoon running for ruler of the world, an insurance agent named Harrison and a Shaman, plus various underworld beings, includ-

ing the Red Fire Dragon. Things heat up when Harrison is reduced to a mere 18 inches in height and asked to become the raccoon's campaign manager. The focus is on Hermes Seven Laws of Relativity, how what we are doing on Earth is unsustainable, that timing is everything and magic most definitely exists. It is a love story about how one small and insignificant being in the guise of Agent Harrison leads life from a place of integrity because sometimes that's all there is left to work with.

The book was bought by Dorrance Publishing in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Bisschop says that was important to her because her sister lives in Pennsylvania and William Penn (the founder of Pennsylvania) is her ancestor on her mother's side.

"I wanted the book to be accessible to all my relations on both sides of the border and it feels like it brings my life deeper within the circle," says Bisschop.

She will be sharing excerpts from her darkly humorous book, answering questions, and signing copies at the launch.

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Field hockey team ran solid season

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

The Red Hawks field hockey team is reflecting on a solid 2011 campaign after falling a few games short of winning the Ontario Federation Schools Athletics Association championship held in York Region this past week.

Hosted by the York Region Athletic Association, the OFSAA championships hosted 16 schools from all over the province, vying for the championship title, from Nov. 3 to 5 at three York region high schools; Bill Crothers Secondary School, Stouffville District Secondary School and Markville Secondary School.

With an undefeated regular season, Haliburton had great confidence, but were in tough in their first two games against seeded schools (top-eight teams are determined by three criteria; pre-season and regular season record, goals for and goals against) Oakville Trafalgar Secondary School and Pickering High School.

Haliburton was in the bottom eight of the championship, which were left to a draw system determined by the championship organizers for opponents. Exact seeding is not revealed.

The Red Hawks were edged out 3-2 by

Pickering in their first game and then shutout 4-0 by Oakville. Both their opponents played for bronze with Oakville winning it, 2-0.

Haliburton finished strongly, beating York Region champs St. Brother Andre Catholic School 2-0 in their last game.

During the championship coach Caley Sisson was stricken with illness and relinquished the reigns to co-coach Steve Smith, who took over for the last game on Friday.

Smith and Sisson have been proud of their team the entire season for their work ethic and dedication.

Although Smith thought the artificial turf, which speeds up game play and alters ball movement, and nerves were factors early on, he commended his team on their defence and their ability to finish well.

The gold medal was captured by Resurrection Catholic Secondary School from Kitchener with Sir John A MacDonald Secondary School earning the silver.

Ali Hicks, left, from the Red Hawks field hockey team never gave up during the team's match against the Oakville Trafalgar during their second game on Thursday. Trafalgar was seeded third and dominated the whole game. The final score was 4-0.

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Peewee AEs prevail in Parry Sound

Sponsored by Tom Prentice Trucking, our Highland Storm Peewee AE squad took to the ice three times over the weekend and continued their winning ways. Saturday night's match in Haliburton was against a speedy team they had yet to face this season, the Almaguin Ice Devils. Lack of focus and some sloppy play in our end frustrated the fans and coaches for most of the game and if not for some rock steady goaltending by Josh Bellefleur the game might have ended in the Ice Dogs' favour. The game remained scoreless throughout the first two periods despite our boys' multiple chances that just couldn't seem to find the net. With approximately five minutes left though, Alex Petrie and Alec Stoughton provided the spade-work required to feed Ben Schmidt in front who buried the lone goal of the game. It was another dramatic finish that this team is beginning to specialize in – too close for comfort but we'll take the win, regardless.

On Sunday the team travelled to Parry Sound for a two-game tilt. This was a much-improved Parry Sound team and our boys were faced with a rough and ready team that were not going to back down or give up. In the end, the boys were able to prevail, winning the games by 6-1 and 7-1 margins respectively. Ben Schmidt scored two goals in the game, Carter O'Neill, Trevor Turner, and Matt Manning notched a goal and assist each, Alex Petrie chipped in with a goal, Jesse Stoughton and Jacob Haedicke had two assists each and Alec Stoughton counted another assist. In the second game, Ben Schmidt contributed two goals and two assists, Alec Stoughton a goal and two assists, Jon Morrison two goals, Carter O'Neill and Matt Manning a goal and assist each, Alex Petrie three assists, Alex Wilbee and Ryan Prentice two assists each and Jacob Haedicke another assist.

Way to go, boys! Next week we're back to Port Carling!

Submitted by Jon Petrie

Girls defeat Napanee

The Minden Car Quest Bantam B girls defeated the Napanee Crunch Saturday morning at the Dysart Community Center by a score of 5 to 2 to move their second place league record to 4-2-1. Erin Little netted a hat trick with Kelsey Maracle and Nicole Black chipping in for singles in the hard fought win. Both

clubs kept the opposing netminders busy in this seesaw battle. The Storm squad never quit and the eight-girl roster toughed out an exhausting victory for their third win in a row.

The Minden Car Quest Bantam B girls have a busy weekend hosting the Lindsay Lynx Friday night in Minden at 7 and then travel Saturday and Sunday to Port Hope and Lindsay.

Keep up the solid team efforts Storm girls!

Submitted by Dan Marsden

Atom AE defeats Gravenhurst

Gravenhurst faced a strong Highland Storm Atom AE team on Sunday at the Minden arena with Highland Storm winning 11-0. Goalie Jaxson Campbell was flawless earning a shutout. Jake O'Neill earned a three-goal hat-trick with some hard long range shots. Nigel Smith and William Petrie scored two goals each while Miki Bukta, Braeden Robinson, Jordy Schell and Paul Turner scored one each. The team kept the pressure on throughout and showed some good passing in the game.

Submitted by Larry Bukta

This weekend saw Dr Ed Smolen, Family Dentistry Peewee As play host to the Parry Sound Shamrocks for two games on Sunday Nov. 6. The first game was in Haliburton at 10:30 a.m. and the second in Minden at 4 p.m. The first game was a fast game with the Highland Storm out skating the Shamrocks, but this was not enough. Parry Sound scored first and then second at the beginning of the first period but the Storms answered back with three goals starting at the six minute remaining mark. Those goals went to Kyle Cooper, Josh Boice and Matt Wilbee with assists to Jake Bull, Chase Burden and Ethan Keefer. The game continued to be fast. Parry Sound fought back with four goals in the second period to our one by Josh Boice assisted by Jake Bull. The Storm boys managed two more goals by Matt Wilbee and Ethan Keefer, in the third but it was not enough and the game ended as a loss for the Storms 7-6.

Assists went to Ethan Keefer, Chris Thompson and Matt Wilbee. The second game saw the Storm boys wanting to get a win under their belts, they worked hard and played fast, making for an exciting game. The Storms scored first this time, two goals, one by Greg

Crofts and the second by Josh Boice, but Parry Sound soon answered with goals of their own. The Storms played with determination, goalie Parker Smolen worked hard to keep the opponents pucks out and it paid off. The Storms came away with a well earned win of 6-5. Other goals to Max MacNaull, Chris Thompson, Chase Burden (assisted by Josh Boice) and Kyle Cooper (assisted by Greg Crofts). I am sorry I do not have all the assists to print. Our next game is Sunday, Nov. 13 in Haliburton against Bracebridge.

Submitted by Karena Crofts

Bantam AE go on the road

The Dave's Landscaping/McKee Security Bantam Storm AE team went on the road this weekend to face Parry Sound Shamrocks and the Huntsville Otters. They began in Parry Sound on Saturday and got off to a good start with a goal in each of the first two periods. Drew Vanlieshout opened the scoring when he tipped in a Ryan Edwards slap shot after Lucas Esson had won the draw. Jayden Wood followed up by scoring a goal on the power play with Hunter Bishop assisting to give the team a two goal lead going into the final frame.

Parry Sound scored with three minutes left in the game to make it close, however that's when Jayden Wood went to work again. He scored a minute later when he picked up a loose puck in the faceoff circle, skated into the slot and rifled it home. Wood struck for the hat trick with 1:34 left as he put in a rebound after some nifty work by Kyle Lavergne and Brenden McKee. Goalies Cole Finlay and Austin McKay shared the win.

The team went to Huntsville on Sunday and found themselves down a goal just nine seconds in. Hunter Bishop opened the scoring for the Storm, he gathered in a Jayden Wood pass, put a tricky move on the goalie and slipped the puck into the open net. Brenden McKee doubled the lead after he poked the puck past the defender at the blue line and raced down the wing and scored high on the short side, Angus Sullivan picked up an assist. The Otters scored twice in the second period with a Storm goal sandwiched in between. Jayden Wood scored on a rebound once again after some fine work by McKee and Lavergne.

Huntsville went ahead early in the third but Kyle Lavergne responded quickly to tie the game at 4. The Otters went up a goal once more and the Storms, again, were down with time running out. However Lavergne came to the rescue when he scored off a scramble with 1:04 left in the game. Both teams had to be satisfied with a 5-5 tie.

Submitted by Bessie Sullivan

Atom As defeat Bracebridge Bears

The boys started out playing the "undefeated" Bracebridge Bears, on Saturday. Well guess what? We beat them 2-1 in a nail biter of a game. We definitely had our work cut out for us. Our entire team came together and played fantastic!!!! The goals were scored by Zach Morissette, he managed to poke one in from underneath a pile up of players in front of the net within the first 17 seconds of the game assisted by Owen Gilbert and Austin French, with that said our confidence was high and we were looking like we certainly came to play, and wanted to win. The defencemen played a smart game doing their best to keep the puck in their end, and out of ours which then resulted in the forwards battling hard to get the puck through the Bracebridge defencemen, we were successful again in the third period scoring a beautiful tip in by Nik Dollo assisted by Luke Hunter and Benn MacNaull.

Carson Sisson also played a stellar game stopping some very important shots, that could have changed the game. In the last few dying seconds of the third period, he made a very quick leg save to keep our team up by a goal. Great job boys, keep up the great work!

Sundays game away in Huntsville, was a bitter pill to swallow, we tried hard but unfortunately came up short. We lost our first game of the season, 4-2. The boys tried hard with lots of shots on the net, we couldn't even buy ourselves a goal for most of the game, but we did manage to find the back of the net twice. The goals were scored by Benn MacNaull and Nik Dollo, the assists were given to Shawn Walker and Nik Dollo.

Next weekend let's keep the momentum going and pull off another win against Gravenhurst in Minden at 12:30. Good luck boys.

Submitted by Joanne Sisson

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Lead footing is no way to save your gas or yourself

Kelly Williams
QMI Agency

Are you a lead foot driver or a feather foot driver? Do your friends call you Mario Andretti or Miss Daisy? In the Urban Dictionary, a lead foot driver is described as someone who has a propensity to drive very fast, and a feather foot driver is someone who takes forever to get up to speed. So which one are you and which one do you think saves more gas?

Once upon a time I used to be a serious lead foot driver, but now I would say I drive like the proverbial "old lady." I always give myself plenty of time to get to my destination so that I don't need to drive quickly or be stressed by the time I arrive. When I am in rush hour traffic, I try to maintain a steady speed rather than start/stop, start/stop. I do this for two reasons: one, it's a pain in the neck to start/stop all of the time; and two, it's easier on your car's components, and gas, to maintain a steady speed.

Being a feather foot driver is actually easier on your pocket book and can be safer. Obviously when you are driving you want to be going with the flow of traffic since driving too slowly can be as dangerous. When you are at a red light and it turns green, it is never a good idea to "lead-foot" it into the intersection. What if a person from the other direction has decided that

they aren't going to stop for the red light? You could be putting yourself in harm's way.

Aggressive driving can reduce your fuel economy by as much as 40 per cent. By observing the speed limit you can save yourself as much as \$700/year in a car and around \$1,000/year in a light duty truck, depending on the model and engine size. You will need to read the fine print to see how these numbers were arrived at.

Many people think they will arrive at their destination more quickly if they drive aggressively, although it won't be by as much as they might think. This type of driving will only save a driver two to three minutes for every hour they spend on the road (according to Car Care Canada's "Go Green" brochure).

I always tell people they should drive like a good chauffeur. If you have a passenger with you, they shouldn't get tossed around every time you apply the gas or apply the brake. It should always feel nice and smooth. Not only will your passenger thank you but so will your car and your pocketbook.

Kelly Williams is a race car driver, driving instructor, educator, safety advocate and spokesperson for Car Care Canada's Be Car Care Aware campaign. She was also one of the judges on the first season of Canada's Worst Driver. For more auto news, go to autonet.ca

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Biological clocks thrown out of whack



Patti Fleury
Around the Town

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Every six months there's the sound of whining here at the old farmhouse as its inhabitants, both two- and four-legged, once again have to adjust to another time change. While those amazing computers spontaneously adjusted and the several household time keepers have been manually corrected, the internal "biological" clocks continue out of sorts.

This situation usually lasts about two weeks in a time-frame this year, which includes a visit from cousin Margo. A retired primary teacher, she would welcome her kindergarten newcomers by reminding that two behaviours were considered unacceptable in her classroom.

The first will only be referred to as dealing with the nasal orifice while the second was the irritating habit of whining so if I continue to complain there will likely be a time out in my future. Now it's time to move forward and deal

with more pressing issues, such as does Justin Bieber really have a love child?

Under sunny skies and pleasant fall temperatures, the Royal Canadian Legion presided over the main Remembrance Day service here in Kinmount with many residents of all ages in attendance. The cenotaph with its list-

ing of names of those from our little town who gave their lives to guarantee freedom for others now stands encircled with green and red tributes. Wreaths were laid by so many community organizations, levels of government, churches, local businesses and more recently individuals honouring their family members.

For me, the image was best summed up by that moving quotation, "in the morning and in the going down of the sun we will remember them."

This Friday on the 11th day of the 11th month of the 11th year, the Legion Colour Party will again meet at the Kinmount cenotaph for a brief ceremony to which all are invited. Later that afternoon, for Gooderham residents, there will be a service at 2 p.m. at their cenotaph with branch 441 Kinmount.

Further news from the Legion. The ladies' auxiliary turkey dinner will be on Saturday, Nov. 12 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Admission at the door is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children to 10 years and free for preschoolers. On Wednesday, Nov. 16, it's big bucks bid euchre starting at 11 a.m. while the following Saturday, Nov. 19 at 8 p.m. will be karaoke with Gord Bartley.

The Kinmount and District Lions Club is selling delicious Christmas items again this year with a new treat on the 2011 list. In addition to the traditional dark and light fruitcakes, cherry cake, shortbread and Christmas pudding, there are also truffles for gift-giving or enjoying with company. You can purchase these items from Dave at Taylor's Garage, Slice of the North Pizza, Gateway Variety, Kinmount Pharmacy, the Kinmount and District Health Centre, or give Vic Ballik a call at 705-488-3053. The Lions' new project is Coats for Kids, with gently used winter items welcomed. As colder weather approaches, please leave these donations at the Kinmount Laundromat.

Holiday season open house events this weekend on both Saturday and Sunday include that at Judy and Ed Bunville's country home at 219 Galway Rd. (705-488-2201) and also Harmony Farms on County Road 121 south of Kinmount. This unique bistro will close for the season at the end of November, so this is a great chance to enjoy a delicious meal in a special setting with Sara, Kevin and Mackenzie.

Plan to stock up for winter reading with great bargains

from the monthly book sale held by Friends of the Kinmount Library on Saturday, Nov. 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the lower level of the branch. For details on other events and programs at this buys location, give librarian Mary Ann Dobsi a call at 705-488-3199.

The Kinmount and Area Artisans Guild Christmas bazaar at the community centre on Saturday, Nov. 19 will offer shoppers a wide variety of local arts and handcrafts plus a bake sale, raffle, music and refreshments. The hours are from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a hot luncheon item available, so please drop by.

Until next week...

Congratulations to trip winner



Gina Atkinson
Stanhope Life

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There are some smiles in the county this week! This month's winners of the November Travel Club Lottery which is run by Haliburton Community Living are David Irwin who gets to choose to either go to Chateau Montebello or \$500 cash and \$50 each was won by Stegan Bjelis and Nancy and Chris Bishop.

I guess my ticket was at the bottom.

Anyway, I can't be planning a trip when moving is on the agenda. I haven't moved in years and for the last few weeks I have been packing things that we can do without for awhile which is hard to judge. This last weekend we had six guests sleep over so things had to be unpacked. Oh well.

The beauty of this particular move is that the new owner Susan King didn't kick us to the curb at the end of October, she has graciously let us stay until the house is ready for

moving in which we won't take advantage of.

The weather has been co-operating, who would of guessed that we could be in November and not see snow.

Last weekend my Ma showed a side of her that I have never seen before. The question was whether or not to include her for an afternoon lunch at a Thai restaurant. My brother Dario and his wife Laurel were down from New Liskeard and heading downtown to visit

my other brother John for a short visit and

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the choice of food was Thai. My Ma has never had Thai let alone even known that there is a country called Thailand. It's just something she hasn't crossed paths with.

Anyways, my Ma surprised them all. She told us that she enjoyed the food immensely and ate everything that was placed before her. She either enjoyed it or was afraid that the next time she would be left out of any plans. My Ma is very shrewd and full of surprises.

I wasn't able to take part in this outing but my daughter Natalie, granddaughter Alyssa and I went and had lunch at the Wild Orchid in Minden to compensate. When you desire a certain kind of food it's great to have it closeby and know its just as good as anywhere else if not better.

If you have any news you would like to share please send it in. Have a great week!

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Melissa Alfano

Dorset News

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Coming Events

A big thank you goes out to all those who volunteered and attended the annual kids pumpkin carving party and kids Halloween party last week at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Thanks to the Dorset Lions Club for providing pumpkins, refreshments, candy, prizes and lots of helpers. Thanks to Robinson's General Store for procuring the supplies and for donating prizes. Thanks to the township of Algonquin Highlands for providing staff time and space for the parties and thanks to the Haliburton County Public Library, Dorset branch for organizing and running the Spooky Story Contest.

Congratulations to all the kids who won prizes in the draws held throughout the party and to Emma MacKay who won the jar of candy in the "Guess how many Halloween jubes are in the jar" game and to Laura Flynn who won the "Guess the weight of the pumpkin" game.

A great time was had by all! Organizers are always looking for fresh ideas for the Halloween activities so if you have an idea, give the recreation centre a call at 705-766-9968.

Over the next few weeks when you are shopping, please

keep in mind that the annual Food and Toy Drive will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 7. The following items are needed and appreciated; baby food and diapers, pasta and sauce, Kraft Dinner, canned goods, toys for all ages, cat and dog food, cleaning supplies, paper products such as toilet paper, but please, no fresh food. Cash is also accepted. There will be a notice in the mailboxes regarding the routes in a couple of weeks. If you won't be home that night, please leave your items with a neighbour or at any of the drop off spots such as Robinson's General Store, Tower Hill Marine, the Dorset Township Office or TimBr Mart.

There will be a foot clinic at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Wednesday, Nov. 9. For more information or to book an appointment, please call Joy at 705-766-1418.

Dorset Community Policing is meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre. All are welcome. Call Marlene at 705-766-2409 for more information.

Yoga classes at the Dorset Recreation Centre have been suspended until Dec. 7 when they will resume with a morning class from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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Nov 17: The Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists will host a presentation on hawk identification given by one of the Kawartha Naturalist's top birders, Dan Bone. Located at the Haliburton museum, at 7:30 pm (come at 7:00 and have a coffee) \$5.00 admission fee will apply to non-members.

Nov 19: Royal Canadian Legion Minden Branch 636 Craft Sale at the Minden Community Centre. Anyone interested in participating in the craft sale is asked to call the Minden Legion at 705-286-4541 Also November 19 and December 10 the RCL Minden will host the Highland Trio from 1pm to 5pm. There will be Open Mic opportunities during the afternoon plus meat draws & a 50/50 draw.

Nov 19: St Anthony Roman Catholic Church Christmas Bazaar & Luncheon 10am to 2pm Victoria St. Haliburton, Crafts, Toonie, & Bake Tables, Draws & Luncheon

Nov 19: Craft and Bake Sale Norland School Hall Community Centre, 3448 County Road 45, Norland, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00p.m. Lunch from 11:00 a.m. to 2 p.m., Soup, Dessert and Beverage \$5.00. Table rentals \$10.00, call Phyllis at 705-454-3206 to book, Sponsored by the Norland School Hall Volunteer Management Committee

Nov 19: Gooderham United Church Christmas Craft and Bake Sale from 10am to 3pm. Lunch available

Nov 20: Joseph's Incredible Journey at St. George's Church at 11a.m. Chili Lunch provided Donations accepted. Movie to start at 11:45 a.m. in the Church, movie is 127 minutes long

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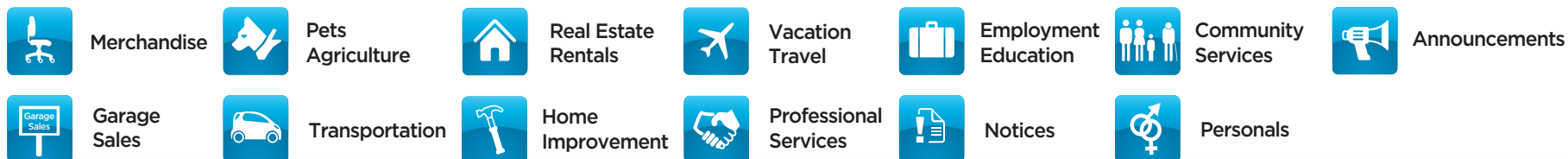
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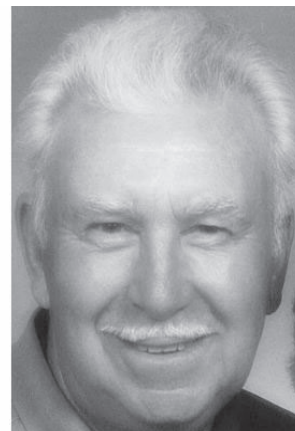
Peacefully at South Muskoka Memorial Hospital in Bracebridge on Saturday evening, October 29, 2011 in his 102nd year. Beloved husband of the late Margaret Mann (nee Wilson). Dearly loved by his son Robert (Joan) Mann of Algonquin Highlands. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Robert (Beryl), Cathy and Brian (Kristie) and by his nine great grandchildren. Predeceased by his brothers Jack, Graham, Jim and his sister Mary and Barbara. Also lovingly remembered by his many nieces, nephews and by his very dear friend Helen McEwen. Robert loved his many years on Big Hawk Lake.

Memorial Service

A Memorial Service was held at the **COSBURN UNITED CHURCH** 1108 Greenwood Ave. Toronto, Ontario (416) 421-5711 (located at the corner of Cosburn and Greenwood Ave.) on Saturday November 5, 2011 at 1 p.m. Interment Pine Hills Cemetery, Toronto. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Ontario or the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209.

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BRISCOE, Alf - November 4, 1933 - November 2, 2011. Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital with his family at his side. Beloved husband of Marlynn "Moe". Dear father of Debbie and her husband Frank Nava of Welland, Dan and his wife Gail of Niagara Falls, Darlene and her husband Reg Humphries of Bobcaygeon. Loving Grandpa of Tara Lynn (Matt), Anthony, Sarah, Zach, Jessica and Julia. Dear brother of Shirley (Colin), Lil (Aiden), Bob (Sharon), Ron (Sandy), Luc (Bernice). Dear brother-in-law of Peggie (Lionel). Fondly remembered by his nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends are invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden KOM 2K0 on Friday, November 4, 2011 from 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Then to St. Paul's Anglican Church, Minden for the Service to Celebrate Alf's Life at 11:00 am. Cremation has taken place. Memorial Donations to St. Paul's Anglican Church or the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (Palliative Care Unit) (HHHSF-PCU) would be appreciated by the family. www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

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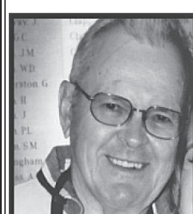


Ross, Kenneth Rigney - (Longtime Employee of Sears Canada, First Reeve of the Amalgamated Township of Minden Hills, Warden for the County of Haliburton 2003). Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Tuesday, November 1, 2011. In his 77th year. Beloved husband of Lois Rigney (nee Riddell). Dear father of Susan Wright (Jerry) of Pickering, David Rigney (Pamela) of Scarborough. Cherished Grandfather of Jennifer and Christopher Wright, Alexander and Nicholas Rigney. Brother-in-law to Mary Buck (Lorne), Dr. Roy Riddell (Helen-deceased), Julian Pristanski (Pat), Lorna Pristanski (deceased), Donna Riddell. Fondly remembered by his nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends are invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden KOM 2K0 on Friday, November 4, 2011 from 3:00 until 7:00 pm. Then to the Minden United Church for the Funeral Service on Saturday, November 5, 2011 at 12:30 pm. Reception to follow at the church (downstairs). Interment at the Ingoldsby Pioneer Cemetery. Memorial Donations to the Prostate Cancer Canada, Heart and Stroke Foundation or to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family.

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Students experience nation's capital with local MP Barry Devolin

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

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From Oct. 23 to 25 Sam Bixi and Puru Shah travelled to Ottawa with Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Barry Devolin, where they joined 15 other students from across the riding to explore the nation's capital.

Typically offered to one male and female student, Bixi and Shah were selected by guidance counsellor Jennifer Paton for their leadership contributions to school life.

Shah, this year's president of the Interact Rotary Club and Bixi, secretary of the club, were both keen on the opportunity.

During the trip the students learned firsthand about various opportunities to work within public office.

Sites visited during the three days included Amnesty International and the South Korean Embassy.

"When we got to these places we were given the chance to ask the presenters how they got to where they are today," said Shah.

The students also met and talked with Canadian diplomats and Prime Minister Stephen Harper's most recent campaign manager, a graduate of Fenelon Falls Secondary School.

Apart from gaining knowledge of working in the public office, the students also got a taste of what it would be like to study in Ottawa.

Organizers of the trip facilitated a tour of the University of Ottawa campus for the group, which left a positive impression on both Bixi and Shah.

"I wasn't even considering applying there but then I went to the university and fell in love with it," said Shah, who now includes the school amongst his top three choices for post secondary education.

While in Ottawa, Shah and Bixi met with former Minden Times reporter and now current Toronto Sun reporter Bryn Weese, who took the students around Ottawa.

One of the highlights of the trip was the chance to meet and travel with Devolin, agreed both students.

"Normally you see politicians and you think they're just this public figurehead but then you meet them and see they're just normal people," said Bixi.

The local MP chauffeured the students from Haliburton County to Ottawa, a four-hour drive that flew by.

"It was an interesting conversation," said Shah.

Upon their arrival, Devolin also gave the students a tour of Parliament, before he sat in the House of Com-



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Grade 12 students Sam Bixi and Puru Shah, along with 15 other students, "plank" on the steps of Parliament in Ottawa. (Planking is a fun fad in photos.)

Shah and Bixi visited the nation's capital during a Capital Experience from Oct. 21 to 23. /Photo submitted

mons.

"We got to see him in question period on Tuesday," said Bixi.

Apart from seeing their MP in action, the students were also introduced to the members of the House of Commons by Devolin prior to the start of question period.

One of the highlights was meeting students from other schools with similar interests, said Bixi.

"Another highlight was that we 'planked' on the steps of Parliament in suits," said Bixi, who added the activity garnered a lot of looks from those passing by, some of whom took pictures.

Planking is a fun fad in photography where the sub-

jects lie on their stomachs for photos, like planks.

Would they sign up for this experience again?

"Yes, and again and again and again. It was a really good experience," said Shah.

Offered annually, this was the eighth year the trip was offered to two students at the school.

The trip was made possible through the sponsorships of the Haliburton and Minden Rotary Clubs and the Haliburton Lion's Club and Minden Kinsmen.

"We want to extend our thanks to them," said both Bixi and Shah.

Apart from HHSS, seven other schools from the surrounding area participated.

Get into the Yuletide mood

Looking for that very special gift on this year's Christmas list? Don't miss the annual Christmas Bazaar hosted by the Kinmount and Area Artisans Guild on Saturday, Nov. 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Kinmount Community Centre.

Choose from a wide variety of guild members' creations of visual arts and handcrafts at reasonable prices plus a bake sale, raffle and a delicious homemade hot items available for lunch.

The music of Vivian Hetherington and colourful seasonal decorations are guaranteed to put you in the Yuletide mood. The centre is located at 4995 Monck Rd. on County Road 45 west off County Road. 121 with extra parking nearby at the railway station.

While at the bazaar be sure to also visit the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace downstairs open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for more tax free shopping.



Watch out for deer

A dead doe lies beside an OPP cruiser by County Road 21 Nov. 3. The officer said the deer ran into the car just before 4 p.m.

While the animal passed away, there were no human injuries and no other vehicles were involved.

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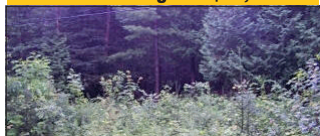
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